

Protection of North Korean Refugees

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North Korean refugees are citizens of our country and **assets for reunification**.

The NIS warmly welcomes North Korean refugees who come to the ROK in search of freedom and protects them so that they can successfully settle down and take the leading part in the reunification process.

Investigation on the Authenticity of North Korean Refugees Based on Laws

Under the North Korean Refugees Protection and Settlement and Support Act, the NIS provides shelter to North Korean refugees who requested protection of the ROK government, ferrets out a fake refugee claimant, and prevents foreigners who are not eligible for the North Korean refugee protection from seeking shelter from the ROK government by employing illicit means.

Protection for Early Settlement in ROK Society

The NIS protects North Korean refugees at the 「North Korean Refugee Protection Center」 for around three months when they enter the ROK, provides treatment to any diseases they have because of the poor healthcare and malnutrition in North Korea, provides psychological and physical support for any suffering caused by the process of defecting from North Korea and carries out basic quality education for their early settlement in the Republic of Korea.



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